

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Caroline Hoemann Confirmation No.: 2128
Application No.: 10/521,524 Group No.: 1651
Filed: September 20, 2005 Examiner: Davis, Ruth A.
For: COMPOSITION FOR CYTOKOMPATIBLE, INJECTABLE, SELF-GELLING CHITOSAN SOLUTIONS FOR ENCAPSULATING AND DELIVERING LIVE CELLS OR BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE FACTORS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT / AMENDMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 17, 2007 in the above-identified application, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-30 and 44) drawn to a composition, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the invention has the special technical feature of encapsulating cells in chitosan hydrogels while preserving high levels of cell viability. This feature is absent from prior art.

Applicants also elect, with traverse, cells as the biologically active factor in claim 14.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Should any fees be associated with the submission be required, the Commissioner is authorized to such deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 50-0850. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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